



## **BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006 Columbia , Washington [53013]**

Columbia is one of 39 counties in Washington. It is not part of a Metropolitan Area. Its 2006 population of 3,964 ranked 37th in the state.

### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2006 Columbia had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$27,839. This PCPI ranked 19th in the state and was 73 percent of the state average, \$38,212, and 76 percent of the national average, \$36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 8.1 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 6.6 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Columbia was \$24,501 and ranked 4th in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 1.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.3 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2006 Columbia had a total personal income (TPI) of \$110,352\*. This TPI ranked 37th in the state and accounted for 0.0 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Columbia was \$102,316\* and ranked 37th in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 6.4 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 8.4 percent and the national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 0.8 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

### **COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Columbia. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 55.4 percent of TPI (compared with 61.4 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 17.7 percent (compared with 20.4 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 26.9 percent (compared with 18.2 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 5.0 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 8.6 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 7.9 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings decreased on average 0.3 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent decreased on average 0.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 4.8 percent.

### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Columbia increased from \$56,471\* in 2005 to \$56,602\* in 2006, an increase of 0.2 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 7.7 percent and the national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$66,367\* to the 2006 estimate was - 1.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.9 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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